

# BRITISH CULTURE

1 What is a common breakfast item in the UK?

- A pancakes
- B croissants
- C full English breakfast
- D bagels

2 What time is “tea time” traditionally in the UK?

- A 10 a.m.
- B 12 p.m.
- C 3-5 p.m.
- D 7 p.m.

3 Which sport is traditionally associated with Wimbledon in the UK?

- A cricket
- B rugby
- C tennis
- D soccer

4 Which British hobby involves solving cryptic clues?

- A sudoku
- B crossword puzzles
- C jigsaw puzzles
- D chess

5 Which British TV show is known for its long-running soap opera format?

- A friends
- B EastEnders
- C the office
- D breaking bad

6 Which British author created the character Sherlock Holmes?

- A J.K. Rowling
- B Agatha Christie
- C Arthur Conan Doyle
- D Charles Dickens

7 Who is the current head of state in the United Kingdom?

- A Prime Minister
- B President
- C King Charles III
- D Queen Elizabeth II

8 Which houses are parts of the UK Parliament? Choose 2 answers

- A The House of Representatives
- B The House of Commons
- C Senate
- D The House of Lords

9 What is a typical feature of British houses?

- A basements
- B front porches
- C terraced housing
- D front and back gardens

10 Which types of housing is common in urban areas in the UK?

- A detached houses
- B semi-detached houses
- C flats
- D bungalows

11 Which British author wrote the Harry Potter series?

- A J.R.R. Tolkien
- B George Orwell
- C J.K. Rowling
- D Charles Dickens

12 Which British scientist is known for his theory of evolution?

- A Isaac Newton
- B Charles Darwin
- C Stephen Hawking
- D Alexander Fleming

13 What is the national sport of England?

- A rugby
- B cricket
- C soccer
- D tennis

14 What is the traditional British dish?

- A fish and chips
- B bangers and mash
- C Shepherd's pie
- D roast beef

15 What is the name of the British royal residence in London?

- A Windsor Castle
- B Buckingham Palace
- C Kensington Palace
- D Balmoral Castle

16 What is the British equivalent of the American “elevator”?

- A lift
- B escalator
- C stairs
- D conveyor

17 What is the British term for the American “truck”?

- A lorry
- B van
- C car
- D bus

18 What is the official residence of the British Prime Minister?

- A Buckingham Palace
- B 10 Downing Street
- C Windsor Castle
- D The White House

19 What is the name of the UK’s national anthem?

- A God Save the Queen
- B Rule, Britannia
- C Land of Hope and Glory
- D Jerusalem

20 What is the traditional drink served during afternoon in the UK?

- A coffee
- B tea
- C hot chocolate
- D lemonade

21 What is the name of the UK’s Parliament building?

- A The White House
- B The Capitol
- C The Palace of Westminster
- D The Tower of London

22 What is the name of the river that flows through London?

- A The Thames
- B The Seine
- C The Danube
- D The Rhine

23 What is the name of the UK’s flag?

- A The Union Jack
- B The Stars and Stripes
- C The Maple Leaf
- D The Tricolor

24 What is the traditional British drink served in pubs?

- A wine
- B beer
- C whiskey
- D cider

25 What is the name of the famous clock tower in London?

- A Big Ben
- B The Shard
- C The Gherkin
- D The Tower of London

26 The United Kingdom consists of

- A England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales
- B England, Finland, Wales, and Scotland
- C England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland
- D England, Wales, Netherland, and Scotland

27 In the UK, what does the political power rest with?

- A The monarchy
- B The elected Parliament
- C The House of Lords
- D The president

28 What is the capital of the UK?

- A London
- B Cardiff
- C Belfast
- D Edinburgh

29 What is the currency of the UK?

- A pound sterling
- B dollar
- C Euro
- D rouble

30 Which exam do school students in England and Wales take at the age of 16?

- A Bachelor of Arts
- B GCSE
- C AS levels
- D SAT

31 Which the below is usually a type of fee-paying school?

- A State School
- B Private School
- C Public School
- D Boarding School

32 Who or what in the United Kingdom is said to “reign but not rule?”

A The Prime Minister

B The King

C The Houses of Parliament

D The City of London (London’s financial centre)

33 When is Guy Fawkes Night celebrated?

A 2 November

B September

C 31 October

D 5 November

34 What is the national flower of England?

A shamrock

B thistle

C daffodil

D the Red Rose

35 Britain’s oldest university is

A Cambridge

B Oxford

C London University

D Kingston University

36 What are England, Wales and Scotland, together with small adjacent islands, collectively known as?

A The United Kingdom

B The British Isles

C Great Britain

D Britain

37 Haggis is a food of

A Scotland

B Wales

C England

D Northern Ireland

38 Loch Ness is in

A Scotland

B Wales

C Northern Ireland

D England

39 The highest mountain is

A Ben Nevis

B Snowdon

C Ben Macdui

D Catbells

40 What are the two types of British newspaper?

- A Normal and tabloid
- B Popular and famous
- C Tabloids and broadsheets
- D quality and broadsheets

41 What are British-dimensional films?

- A Titanic, the Lord of the Ring, Harry Potter, Pirate of Caribbean
- B Titanic, Harry Potter, Tomb Raiders, 500 soldiers
- C Titanic, Indiana Jones, 500 soldiers, 11/9
- D Titanic, transformers, fast and furious, Harry Potter

42 Shrove Tuesday is also known as

- A May Day
- B Boxing Day
- C Pancake Day
- D Gift Day

43 Stonehenge is in

- A Scotland
- B England
- C Wales
- D Ireland

44 In the UK, bank holidays refer to

- A holidays by seaside
- B racing boat holidays
- C public holidays
- D travel holidays

45 Which exam do school students in England and Wales take at the age of 18?

- A Bachelor of Arts
- B GCSE
- C A's levels
- D SAT

# In the UK

Children start <sup>1</sup>primary school when they are five. Before that, many children go to <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ school, e.g. between the ages of two and four, but this is not compulsory. From 11–18, children go to <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ school. The majority of schools in the UK (about 90%) are <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ schools, which means that they are paid for by the government, and education is free. The other 10% are <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ schools, where parents have to pay. A few of these are <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ schools, where children study, eat, and sleep. There are also some <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ schools, where the teachers may be priests or nuns. Schoolchildren are usually called <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not 'students' which only refers to people who are at university), and the person who is in charge of a school is called the <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ teacher. The school year is divided into three <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

If you want to go to university, you have to take exams in your last year, and if your results are good enough, you get a place. A person who has finished university and has a degree is called a <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

